



URBAN DISTRICT OF PRESCOT

ANNUAL REPORT

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for
1969



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2018 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b29997914>

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH

(Per. WIDNES 3055)

(retired 31.8.69)

The Chairman and Members of the Prescott Urban District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of Prescott Urban District Council for the year 1969 and to inform the Council that the health of the community has remained satisfactory during the year.

The estimated mid-year population dropped from 13,320 last year to 13,200 in 1969, this is higher than the 1961 census of 13,077 persons.

The live birth rate per 1,000 home population, before any adjustment is made, is higher than the national average, 16.8 as compared with 16.3 for England and Wales. The number of live births in the area was the lowest for the past 5 years.

The infant mortality rate is higher than that for England and Wales, whereas the stillbirth rate is considerably lower. These statistics should be considered in conjunction with one-another. This particularly applies to stillbirths and neo-natal deaths in the first week of life.

The notifications of infectious disease fell considerably during the year, from 211 in 1968 down to 65. The number of measles cases were noteworthy at 33 this year compared to 182 last year.

During the year, Mr. C. J. Hulme retired from the post of Public Health Inspector which he had held since 1935, a period of 34 years with the Council. I should like to record the valuable contribution he made during that period to the environmental health of the community and to express my appreciation of the co-operation and assistance he gave me during the period I knew him.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. W. BUNTING.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the Urban District, in Acres	875
Population Census, 1961	13,077
Registrar General's Estimate of resident population, mid 1969 ...	13,200
Number of inhabited houses end of 1969, (according to Rate Books)	4,214
Rateable Value	£643,281
Sum represented by the Penny Rate	£2,588

Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the Year (Registrar General)

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	111	97	208
Illegitimate	8	6	14
	<u>119</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>222</u>

Live Birth Rates per 1,000 population:-

	<u>PRESCOT U.D.C.</u>	<u>ENGLAND & WALES</u>
Crude Rate	16.8	16.3
Adjusted Rate	16.0	16.3

Mortality Rates per 1,000 population:-

<u>Total (all forms)</u>	<u>PRESCOT U.D.C.</u>	<u>ENGLAND & WALES</u>
Crude Rate	11.7	11.9
Adjusted Rate	14.2	11.9

	<u>PRESCOT U.D.C.</u>	<u>ENGLAND & WALES</u>
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births	4	13
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 total births	32	18
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (under 4 weeks)	18	12
Early neo-natal (under 1 week) mortality rate per 1,000 live births	18	10

<u>Analysis of Deaths</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Still births			
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Maternal deaths	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age			
Legitimate	5	2	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age			
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 week of age			
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH IN PRESCOT URBAN DISTRICT, 1969.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	6	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	6
Diabetes Mellitus	1	4
Anaemias	-	1
Meningitis	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	2
Hypertensive Disease	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	12	11
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	10
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	8	7
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	1	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ...	-	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Congenital anomalies	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality .	1	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions .	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
All other Accidents	3	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries .	-	2
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total	72	82
	<hr/>	<hr/>

Total all Causes

154

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING 1969

Diseases	Total Cases	Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 +
Measles	33	2	4	5	5	8	8	-	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	13	-	-	-	-	1	10	1	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Respiratory	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Jaundice	15	-	-	3	-	-	6	3	1	2

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The water supply for the District is obtained from the Corporation of Liverpool and has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Drainage and Sewerage

The District has adequate drainage facilities to a sewage works using hydrolytic tanks and bacterial filters.

Closet Accommodation

There are no privy middens or pail closets existing in the area, all households have adequate waterclosets.

Housing

There were no new houses erected during the year by the local authority or any other body.

During the year the number of inspections of premises were as follows:-

Number of Premises Visited	1,227
Number of Visits	1,802
Number of Defects or Nuisances	114
Number of Defects or Nuisance abated	103
Number of Notices served - Informal	85
Number of Notices served - Statutory	48

INSPECTIONS OF DWELLINGS DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a)	Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	550
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,011
	(c)	Number of dwellings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	85
2.		Number of dwellings existing at the end of the year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which,	
	(a)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made.	7
	(b)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made.	1
3.		Houses demolished:-	
	(a)	In or adjoining Clearance Areas being unfit for human habitation.	30
	(b)	Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas but as a result of action under Section 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	4
4.		Unfit House Closed under Section 16 (4), Section 17 (1) and Section 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957, and Section 26, Housing Act, 1961.	3
5.		Unfit houses made fit:-	
	(a)	By the owner after informal action.	18
	(b)	After formal notice under Public Health Acts.	22
	(c)	After determination of a demolition order under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.	1
6.		Purchase of Houses by agreement, in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders.	7

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958
HOUSING ACT, 1969

<u>Improvement Grants</u>	<u>Owner Occupier</u>	<u>Others</u>
i Applications submitted by private individuals	4	-
ii Number approved	4	-
iii Number completed during year	6	-
iv Amount of grants given	£1,419	-

<u>Standard Grants</u>		
i Applications submitted by private individuals	16	1
ii Number approved	16	1
iii Number completed during year	11	1
iv Amount of grants given	£2,320	-

No action was taken relating to improvement areas and no Special Grants were given.

There are no moveable dwellings or camping sites within the area.

No house in the area is used as a common lodging-house.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene (General Regulations, 1960.

The following is a list of the food premises in the district.

Grocers	50
Green-grocers	15
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	17
Bakers and confectioners	8
Fried fish shops	8
Ice Cream, Sweets, Confectionery, etc.	21
Licensed premises, restaurants, etc. .	18

Detailed inspections of these premises have been carried out.

The two cases of food poisoning reported arose from the purchase of cockles from a market outside the district. The causative organism was not found.

During the year the County Council as the Food and Drug Authority took a total of 45 samples for analysis (17 milk samples and 28 samples of various foods).

OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Total number of registered premises

Offices	23
Retail Shops	95
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil
Catering establishments, canteens	17
Fuel storage depots	Nil

Number of newly registered premises during the year

Retail shops	4
Catering establishments, canteens	3

Number of visits to premises - 183

Analysis of contraventions found:-

Cleanliness	2
Temperature	5
Ventilation	2
Lighting	2
Sanitary Conveniences	9
Washing facilities	5
Eating facilities	1
Floors, passages or stairs	1
First Aid provisions	2

No prosecutions were taken during the year

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises:-

Offices	350
Retail Shops	511
Catering establishments, canteens	96

Total Males	344
Females	613

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced.	NIL	NIL	NIL
Factories in which Section 7 is enforced.	23	11	NIL
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced.	1	NIL	NIL

There are no registered out-workers in the area.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Three smoke Control Orders are in force in the area involving 1,141 premises. There were no Orders submitted to the Ministry during the current year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT

There were 3 recorded complaints of noise - 2 concerning factory premises and one concerning a launderette.

It is not always easy to find a solution to noise caused by incidents of this sort, there are, however, numerous environmental noises which would hardly seem necessary and which could be reduced.

The use of pneumatic drills without adequate mufflers is perhaps the most common cause of excessive noise in the streets, and yet is one which has an easy remedy.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Immediate attention is given to all complaints of rats having been seen, and baiting with an anticoagulant invariably proves to be satisfactory. Mice often are harder to bring under control but the newer preparations eventually kill them.

Total number of properties inspected following notification.	120
Number infested by - Rats	90
- Mice	30

Baiting of the sewers in the district is carried out bi-annually and the number of "takes" of the poison bait would indicate that the sewers are not heavily infested by rats.

